

## News Briefs

**Dorm dinner**  
The monthly dorm dinner is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the community center. The menu is tacos and enchiladas from La Palapa Mexican Restaurant. People can drop off donated side items for the dinner, such as Mexican corn, chips and dip, at the community center by 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Door prize drawings will be conducted and a Bible study will follow the dinner for those who would like to attend. For more information, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500 or contact a first sergeant.

**Multimedia center**  
The base multimedia center has skilled technicians waiting to serve the needs of BLAZE TEAM members. The center staff can design charts, signs, posters and presentations for official requests. People can also download frequently requested images from the center's photo gallery available on the Columbus Blazeweb. Customers are encouraged to visit the multimedia center, Building 820, to view sample books for project ideas. For more information, call Ext. 2444.

**Heritage month fun run**  
The Columbus AFB Multicultural Committee sponsors a fun run at 8 a.m. Saturday in front of the fitness and sports center in recognition of Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. First place male and female runners will receive gift certificates. For more information about the observance or the multicultural committee, call Ext. 2781.

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SUPT Class 05-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony at the base theater.

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

May 20, 2005



Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd  
**Members of the Columbus-Lowndes community gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday at the T-37 static display on the corner of Highways 45 and 768. The ceremony marked the completion of the landscaping and sign construction at the site. The \$50,000 project was funded by contributions of money and services from local businesses and community members and was completed at no cost to the city, county or Air Force.**

# BRAC list recommends gain for CAFB

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld released the list of affected bases in conjunction with the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment process May 13. Columbus AFB has been recommended for realignment to gain the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals training mission.

As a result, 14 T-6 Texan II and 12 T-38C Talon aircraft are projected to move from Moody AFB, Ga., to Columbus AFB. The net impact is a gain of 101 full-time and six reserve personnel with a preliminary manpow-

er move projected for Fiscal Year 2008. Base officials are now reviewing this recommendation in order to assess the possible impact on base personnel and resources. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The purpose of BRAC is to make the most efficient use of all the Department of Defense's resources. This includes maximizing war-fighting and operational capability and efficiency, saving taxpayer dollars, and redirecting resources to modernize defense equipment and infrastructure. The

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# Deployed CONS troop helps save \$13M

**BALAD AB, Iraq** — The 332nd Expeditionary Contracting Squadron recently hit a “grand slam” of savings for Balad AB, Iraq.

Contracting officers on AEFs 3/4 identified and acted on a window of opportunity, saving the wing more than \$13 million.

The opportunity involved a large-scale initiative to consolidate more than a dozen different vehicle lease contracts into one large contract. In turn, this action created a competitive environment between contractors who submitted a bid to win the single, new, higher-dollar contract.

“In essence, it became a ‘winner takes all’ type of situation when the new vehicle lease contract solicitation was released,” said Capt. Mike Tkcaz, 332nd ECONS chief deployed from Columbus AFB’s 14th Contracting Squadron. “Contractors that competed for this new contract had a lot to either gain or lose.”

Balad AB currently requires 352 leased vehicles to support the wing’s transportation needs. The expense for these leased vehicles has accounted for a total of 37 percent of the overall budget.

“This is the largest portion of the entire budget and there was better area to cut down expenses,” Captain Tkcaz said.

The new, consolidated contract locks Balad AB into better rates for the next three years. In addition to an overall savings exceeding \$13 million, the con-



Courtesy photo  
**Capt. Mike Tkcaz, deployed from the 14th Contracting Squadron, poses with \$298 million. The contracting squadron at Captain Tkcaz’s deployed location recently saved its wing more than \$13 million by consolidating more than a dozen vehicle lease contracts into one large contract.**

tracting squadron ensured that quality vehicle maintenance was included in the new package.

“There has been a trend of over-inflated vehicle lease rates shared by most military installations throughout Iraq,” Captain Tkcaz said. “The contracting office not only ended the downward spiral of inflated vehicle lease rates at Balad, but our small band of contract-

ing officers embarked upon record-breaking ground, setting a new standard. In addition, this effort was accomplished during an incredibly heavy day-to-day workload.” The six Airmen of the 332nd ECONS are responsible for more contracting actions than any other U.S. Air Force contracting office in the entire theatre of operations. (Courtesy of the 332nd ECONS)

## BRAC

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“However, we understand the impact BRAC has on military members, the local community, retirees, employees and their families,” he said. “Rest assured I will make every effort to keep the lines of communication open to share information and answer questions as we continue through this process.”

Secretary Rumsfeld’s BRAC recommendations are not final. The Independent BRAC Commission now will review

the list for conformity to the Defense Department’s force structure plan and published selection criteria, then report its findings and conclusions to President George W. Bush by Sept. 8.

Local communities can address their concerns directly to the Independent BRAC Commission at one of their planned regional meetings. For more information on those meetings contact the Independent BRAC Commission at (703) 699-2952. (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **26 BLAZE TEAM members** are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



**Capt. Christopher Black**  
50th Flying Training Squadron

## ★ STAR BLAZER

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates Captain Black on his distinction as an **outstanding sponsor**. He received the maximum available rating on the Air Education and Training Command Newcomer Sponsorship Satisfaction Survey.

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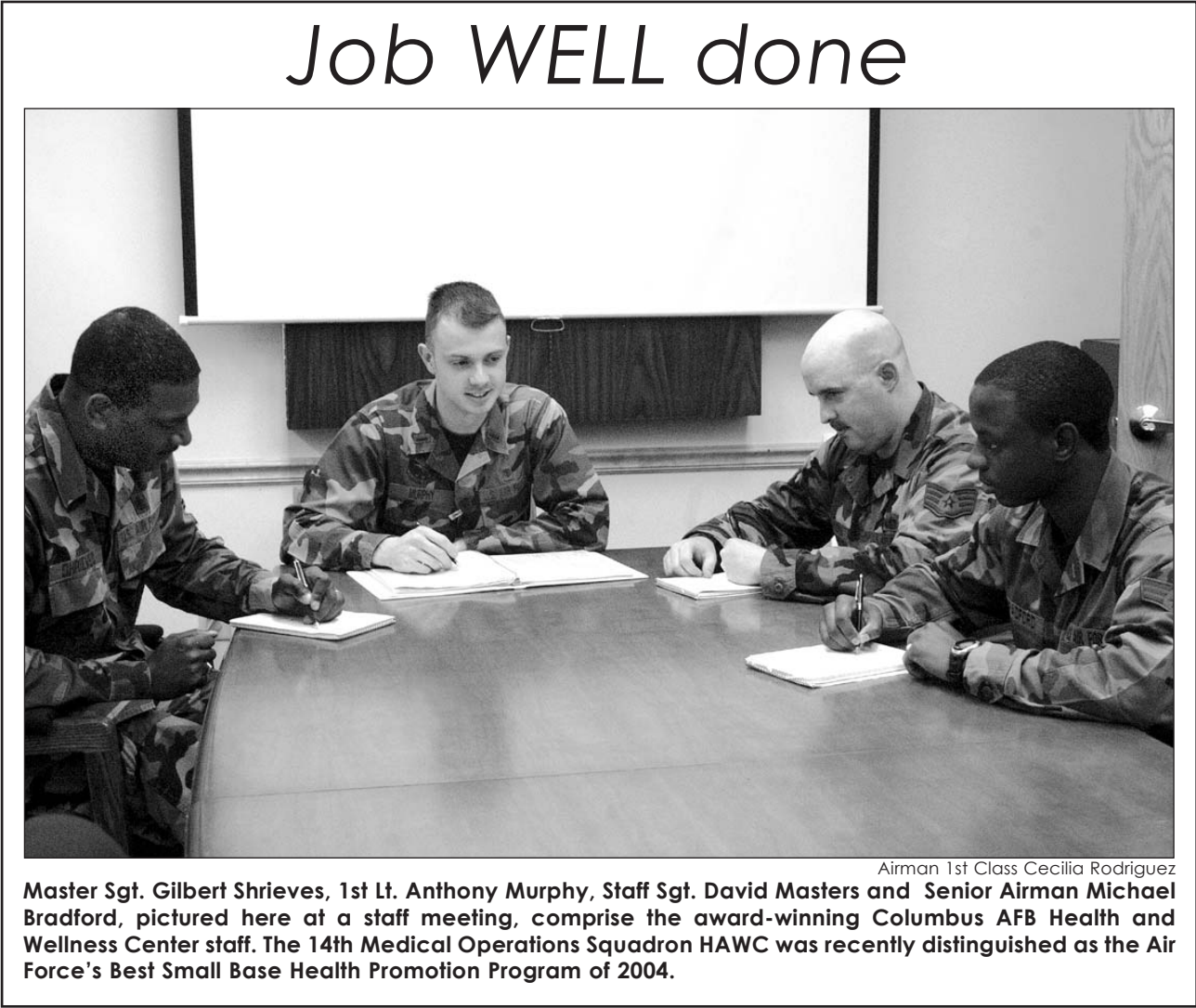
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|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Squadron     | Senior Class | Squadron Overall | Track Select | Squadron     | Senior Class | Squadron Overall | Graduation | Aircraft          | Required | Flown | Annual |
| 37th (06-03) | 6.78 days    | 2.36 days        | June 3       | 48th (05-09) | 0 days       | 1.69 days        | Today      | T-37              | 1,686    | 1,795 | 18,819 |
| 41st (06-04) | 1.85 days    | 2.46 days        | June 28      | 50th (05-09) | 1.84 days    | 2.91 days        | Today      | T-38C             | 747      | 848   | 9,619  |
|              |              |                  |              |              |              |                  |            | T-1A              | 678      | 704   | 8,540  |

Graduation speaker: Col. Charles McQuirk, 505th Command and Control Wing commander, Hurlburt Field, Fla.





Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
Master Sgt. Gilbert Shrieves, 1st Lt. Anthony Murphy, Staff Sgt. David Masters and Senior Airman Michael Bradford, pictured here at a staff meeting, comprise the award-winning Columbus AFB Health and Wellness Center staff. The 14th Medical Operations Squadron HAWC was recently distinguished as the Air Force's Best Small Base Health Promotion Program of 2004.

# Airmen allowed to show AF colors while traveling

Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new Air Force policy gives Airmen the choice to show their colors when traveling to and from deployment locations. Airmen traveling to and from the U.S. Central Command Air Forces' area of responsibility have been, until recently, required to wear civilian clothing on flights in and out of the area.

Under a new policy, Airmen

now have the option to wear their desert combat uniform on those flights. The policy change came after suggestions to both the chief of staff and chief master sergeant of the Air Force, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, the Air Force's uniform board superintendent. "This started with queries to Air Force senior (leaders) as they toured the AOR," Sergeant Athnos said. "This was about pride. Other services were coming home in uniform and experiencing tremendous support

along the way from the American public. Our Airmen were in civilian clothes, and people didn't readily recognize them as Air Force personnel. They simply want the country to know they are proud of their service too." The new policy allows Airmen to wear their uniforms when traveling inside the United States to their port of departure, so long as they fly aboard a U.S.-based airline. Airmen may also wear their uniforms when traveling to the

AOR if they are flying on a military or chartered commercial aircraft. The same rules apply when Airmen come home. One concern for policy makers is that Airmen remember to conduct themselves as true Air Force professionals. Sergeant Athnos said Airmen are reminded that their uniforms must always be clean and serviceable; they must be in compliance with dress and appearance instructions and always conduct themselves in a manner befitting the Air Force. Some Airmen might want to wear their uniforms when traveling to a deployed location, but are afraid of drawing unnecessary attention to themselves. Sergeant Athnos said U.S. air-ports have plenty of security,

and that the Air Force has historically allowed or even required Airmen to be in uniform when aboard aircraft. "Besides, if you were in civilian clothes, you would still have your web gear and your mobility bags with you, and you are still hanging around the (United Services Organization)," she said. "It's not a secret that you are in the military." Also, part of the policy is a requirement that Airmen carry a change of civilian clothes with them if they choose to wear a uniform, and a clean uniform if they choose to wear civilian clothes. That kind of preparedness allows Airmen to adjust their appearance should the situation demand it.

## OTS board postponed

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The rated portion of the Air Force Officer Training School board originally scheduled for August has been postponed until January, Air Force Recruiting Service officials announced May 12. Because of fiscal 2005 and 2006 Air Force force-shaping efforts, the rated portion of the Aug. 2 OTS selection board has been rescheduled. The rated portion of boards considers pilot, navigator and air battle manager applicants. The nonrated portion of the August board, which considers technical and nontechnical applicants, will convene as scheduled, AFRS officials said. For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active-duty Airmen can contact their local education office; civilians can contact the nearest Air Force recruiter at (800) 423-8723 or visit [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com). (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

### DUI status

"Don't Drink and Drive"  
Last DUI: March 25, 2005  
Days since last DUI: 49  
Unit: 37th Flying Training Squadron



# Remember to respect national emblems

Lt. Col. James Reed  
14th Operations Group

I am so proud of our children — our military children. Have you noticed their actions when the national anthem is played in the middle of a soccer or tee-ball game? Or when our national flag passes by during a parade? They stop in mid-stride, turn to face the music and/or the flag and place their right hands over their hearts. This observation holds true off base as well. When the national anthem is played at sporting events, it is primarily our military children that stop in their tracks, look for and face the flag to render respect to our great nation.



How did our children learn to pay respect to the anthem and flag? It is a learned behavior. They learned from the examples set by their parents and surrounding military members of our community. They may not understand the sacrifices made by their mom or dad in service to our country, but they do understand the importance of paying respect to our national emblems. We owe reverence and respect to our flag, for it is a symbol of our great country, heritage and place in the world. It represents the highest ideals of individual liberty, justice and freedom, for which we took an oath to defend. When the anthem is played and the flag is displayed, all present (except those in

uniform) should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove head-dress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder. People in uniform will also stand at attention, as well as render a military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should render the same courtesies in the direction of the music. People present while the flag is hoisted, lowered or passed in parade or review should deliver the same courtesies they would display during the anthem. Uniformed servicemembers should salute when the flag comes within six paces of them and hold the salute until the flag passes six paces beyond. As military members, supervisors and parents, we need to continue to set the

example on and off base. We need to step outside the building and render a salute to our great nation rather than stand inside the door waiting for the anthem to conclude. We need to take note and query those who quickstep to their car rather than stop to give proper respect to our great nation. Furthermore, we need to be cognizant of the time and stop our vehicles at 5:30 p.m. when the national anthem is played. Our flag represents our living country and is considered an entity emblematic of the respect and pride we have for our nation. Our flag is a precious possession. Display it proudly and show it the respect it deserves. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## CAP contributes to BLAZE TEAM mission

Capt. Derek Jewell  
14th Flying Training Wing

Imagine you belong to a unit with a significant history that dates back to World War II. Your outfit is credited with flying over one-half million hours and patrolling 24 million miles. It is also accredited with finding 173 submarines; attacking 57, hitting 10 and sinking two. The unit is also responsible for the rescue of hundreds of downed pilots. The 'pre-Homeland Security' is directly responsible for breaking German U-boat operations around the coast of the United States. This is an outstanding record for any military organization. However, this war time record isn't credited to a military unit; it belongs to a group of volunteers. After the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor, more than 150,000 concerned citizens under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces took to the skies to patrol the coastal waters of America. These aviators performed so admirably that they were formally established as an auxiliary of the new U.S. Air Force. The group was designated as the Civil Air Patrol. The volunteers were charged with three missions: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. Today, this same mission, matched with the volunteer spirit, is still alive in the CAP.

The Mississippi CAP Wing fulfills its mission while simultaneously supporting Columbus AFB. I was surprised to learn of how many roles CAP performs for the base. Some of the support provided includes: supporting the wing safety office for the Mid Air Collision Avoidance program, low-level surveys, search and rescue, and air base perimeter surveillance under Homeland Security. In addition to these roles, CAP saves an average of 100 lives a year and conducts 95 percent of all inland search and rescue. In January, there was a midair collision between a T-37 and a civilian aircraft over Oklahoma. The MACA program at Columbus AFB strives to prevent similar occurrences here. We target the most active civilian airfields in order to educate all pilots about Columbus AFB operations. Last year, we became the busiest Air Force base in the world. When our operations are combined with more than 112 airfields near or under Columbus AFB's massive airspace, there is a high potential for a midair collision. The MACA program stresses the importance of communication to Columbus Air Traffic Control when passing near or through Columbus' airspace. Due to the short runway length of these uncontrolled airfields, most Columbus aircraft cannot land at these out bases. However, CAP's Cessna 182s are

the ideal choice to provide quick transportation to these smaller airfields. CAP recently performed admirably by flying two safety representatives to 12 airfields. Master Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Security Forces Squadron, was our pilot for the first day. He volunteers his time for CAP and is also a CAP Squadron commander. The Columbus Squadron has approximately 45 cadets and seniors that promote leadership skills, morale and discipline to young adults. CAP also offers academic scholarships to cadets. On day two, I had the pleasure of flying with retired Lt. Col. Mike Hainsey, a former Columbus AFB chief of safety and Mississippi CAP Wing commander. A true volunteer at heart, Mr. Hainsey talked in great detail about the CAP programs as well as other volunteer pilot programs; it was easy to see his love of people. The CAP aircraft are welcomed across the state. The combined effort of CAP, wing safety and airspace personnel are focused on accident prevention across the area. If you are interested in becoming a CAP volunteer or would like more information, visit [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) or call Sergeant Enea at 434-7155. I also recommend meeting with some of the CAP volunteers. CAP meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the SAC Alert Facility.

## Officials send Armed Forces Day message

(Editor's note: The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Dominguez and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.)

In the first presidential proclamation for Armed Forces Day in 1950, President Truman said the day 'marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress ... towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality.' The theme of that first Armed Forces Day was 'Teamed for Defense,' expressing the new unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government — the Department of Defense. Through more than five decades our military members — Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines — have teamed with our civilian partners to build the greatest military in the world. This joint team is 'Teamed for Defense' like never before and America's Airmen are seamlessly integral to our joint force. More than 25,000 Airmen — active duty, Guard and Reserve — are deployed supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. On the ground, in the air and from space, Airmen bring overwhelming air and space power to bear for the joint team, for our nation, and for our allies in the war on terrorism. On the ground, our battlefield Airmen serve alongside infantry and special operations units, directly integrating air and space power. Airmen from 16 different combat support skills are driving trucks, providing convoy security, guarding prisoners and interrogating detainees. Airmen have refocused C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III airlift missions to reduce the number of convoys on Iraqi roads by nearly 350 trucks a day.



The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program recognizes and rewards good ideas. Individuals, teams or groups can submit ideas on how the Air Force can accomplish something faster, better or cheaper at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. People can save the Air Force money and earn cash rewards for their ideas. For more information, call Ext. 2354.



# America's Kids Run celebrates fitness



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Columbus AFB children ages 5 to 13 are invited to participate in the 2005 Armed Forces America's Kids Run at 8 a.m. Saturday in front of the fitness and sports center.

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

Officials estimate that more than 20,000 children ages 5 to 13 will participate in the 2005 Armed Forces America's Kids Run on Air Force, Navy and Army bases worldwide Saturday.

The Columbus AFB fitness and youth centers are co-hosting this free event 8 a.m. Saturday in front of the fitness center.

"Adults may participate in the monthly 5K fun run/walk held in conjunction with the kids run," said Rob Wilburn, fitness center director.

"Children's obesity is an epidemic, and this event provides

children an innovative, fun and safe place to exercise while enhancing self-esteem," said Rose Lime, youth center director.

Ages 5 and 6 will run one-half mile, ages 7 and 8 will run one mile, and ages 9 to 13 will run two miles. Participants will be rewarded with an America's Kids Run tee-shirt.

Studies have shown that children who begin running at an early age make exercise a part of their lifestyles through elementary, middle and high school activities.

For more information, contact the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

## MESSAGE

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In space, we're maintaining the continuous flow of communications, surveillance, precision navigation and targeting for the joint team. At home, we continue flying more than 6,200 sorties annually, ensuring the security of our sky.

"Airmen are also providing security and stability operations on the Korean peninsula and counterterrorism support in the Horn of Africa. Following the tragic south Asian tsunami, Airmen flew more than 15 million pounds of food, supplies and equipment into the area.

"On this Armed Forces Day, America pays homage to our military men and women who have served and are serving our country so nobly on many fronts. Our Airmen and their families are extraordinarily committed to a cause much greater than themselves.

"If you wear the uniform of the United States military, be proud.- You have earned the respect of a grateful nation. Thank you for your sacrifice, devotion and courage.

"We are honored to serve with you. May God bless each of you, your families and our great nation."

# Services offers recreational opportunities for all families

**Stained glass classes:** The arts and crafts center offers these night-time classes for \$30 per person. Cost includes all supplies. Dates and exact times of classes will be determined by the class participants. Call Ext. 7836.

**Reduced prices for lunch buffets:** The Columbus Club offers a different buffet Tuesday through Friday. Cost is now \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Tuesday features Mexican cuisine, Wednesday is country-style cooking, Thursday has an Italian flair and Fridays offer a tri-continental selection of German, Asian and New England seafood. Call Ext. 2490.

**Bowl for the Stars and Strikes:** Bowling center patrons will "get punched" for every game or large Coca-Cola purchased during this summer-long program. Customers who accumulate 10 punches on their punch cards will receive two free games of bowling, a free soda and will be entered into a monthly drawing for a bowling ball. Call Ext. 2426.

**Crafts classes:** The arts and crafts center offers weekly classes for both adults and children. Upcoming adult classes include making a mosaic tray, a picnic carry-all and two different door hangings. The youth classes feature bubble gum machine, a Father's Day gift, potato chip clips and two different wall hangings. Stop by the arts and crafts center to see a display of the upcoming projects. Call Ext. 7836.

**Youth trip to McWane Center:** The youth center offers this trip to the McWane Center in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. The center features interactive adventures including hands-on science fun with ScienceQuest; an IMAX dome theater; Just Mice Size, where children younger than 6 years old can learn, build and express themselves creatively; World of Water, with creatures from around the world; and the HighCycle, which gives youth the thrill of a tightrope ride without the danger. Call Ext. 2504.

**Veterinary clinic hours:** The veterinary clinic is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. During this time, patrons may pick-up or drop off records and purchase monthly pet supplies.

**Summer vacations to Disney World, Universal Studios:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to Orlando, Fla., June 7 through June 11. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people, \$215 each for three people and \$190 each for four people with the same lodging accommodations. Costs include four nights lodging, transportation and an Orlando shuttle service. Reduced price ticket packages are available at ITT. Call Ext. 7861.

**Summer reading program:** Children entering first through sixth grades can register for the base library summer reading program June 5 to June 11. The program's theme is "Share the treasure with Captain Book," and begins June 15. Participants will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Call Ext 2934.

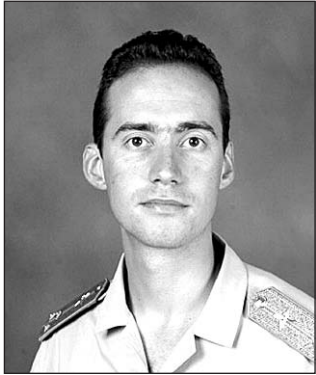
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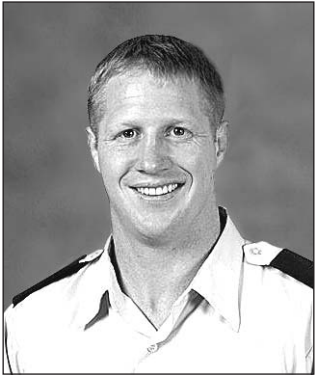
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**Josue Gomez and his mother, Ellene Gomez, competed in the Columbus Club wacky olympics ring toss event May 12. The next family night is June 9. Call Ext. 2490.**

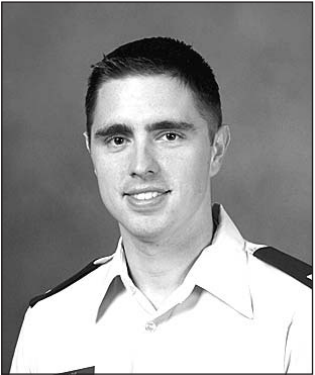




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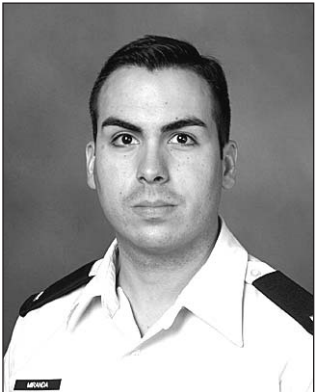
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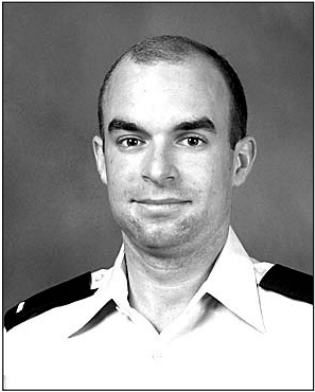
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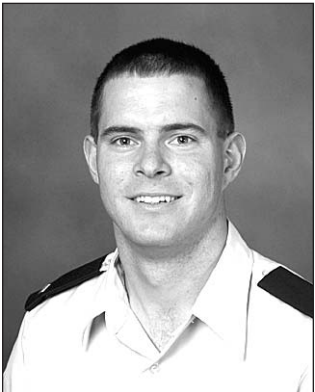
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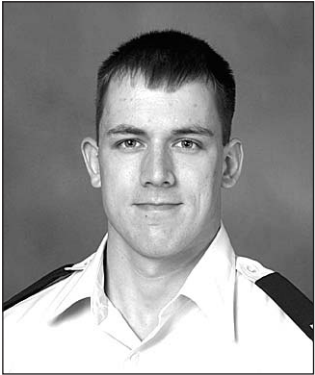
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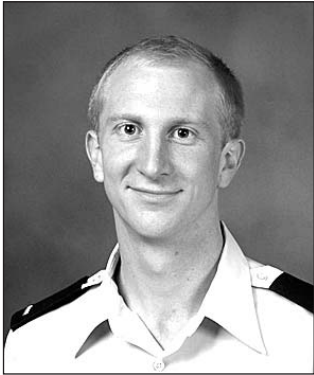
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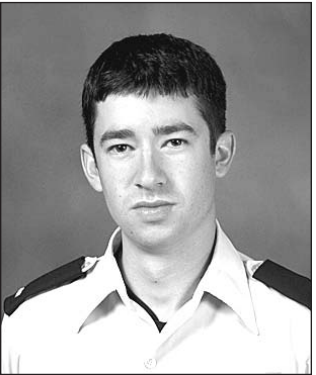
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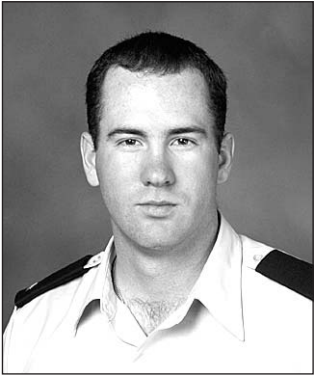
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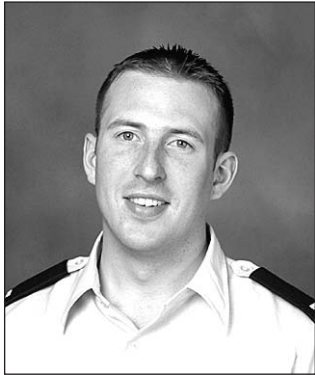
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# SUPT Class 05-09 earns silver wings

Twenty-seven officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Col. Charles McGuirk, 505th Command and Control Wing commander, Hurlburt Field, Fla. Colonel McGuirk is responsible for directing the Air Force's operational air and space command and control center of excellence and building the predominant air and space command and control capability for the joint and coalition warfighter.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Ladd Leimer, T-1, and Jeremy Mullen, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Justin Clark, T-1, and Lieutenant Mullen. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Philipp Risseeuw, T-1, and Lieutenants Leimer and Mullen were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop

T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track. Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying

hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. **(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are The Grill, Harvey's and Sweet Pepper's Deli.)**





Base Notes

New commissary hours

Effective June 1, the commissary hours of operation will be as follows: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call store director Paula Lewis at Ext. 7109.

Sports and camp physicals

The 14th Medical Group Family Practice Clinic will conduct sports and camp physicals between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. June 1. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at Ext. 2273 or visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) and select “school physicals” as the visit reason.

SAT/ACT testing

The education center will administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 8 a.m. June 14 and the American College Test at 8 a.m. June 21 for active-duty military members who need to take either exam for educational purposes or to apply for a service-related program. A limited number of exams is available, and personnel will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis after a need to take the exam has been verified. To sign up or for more information, call Ext. 2562.

Quarters non-availability

The upcoming University Olympics Aug. 7 through Aug. 25 will result in non-availability of quarters for official travel to Izmir, Turkey, and surrounding areas. It is highly recommended that travelers make lodging arrangements well in advance by calling the reservations assistance office at DSN 675-3366.

Family Support Center

***(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)***

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. Call the family support center for more information.

Hug-A-Bear program

The family support center has partnered with the Mississippi State Troopers to sponsor the Hug-A-Bear program.

Now through Monday, BLAZE TEAM members are invited to drop off small, clean, used or new stuffed animals at the family support center.

The troopers will keep the toys in police cars to comfort children whose families are involved in accidents, traffic stops and domestic calls.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Jr. Smooth Move

A workshop to help ages 6 to 12 reduce anxiety about moving to another location is at 1 p.m. June 3 at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Smooth Move

A workshop for relocating families is from 10 a.m. to noon June 7. Military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare, traffic management office and housing issues will be discussed.

Free childcare

The Childcare for PCS program offers up to 20 hours of free childcare per child for active-duty Air Force people arriving at or departing from Columbus AFB. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival. For more information, call Sharon Nichols at Ext. 2790.

Personal financial analysis

Individual financial counseling and a financial analysis are available for those planning to make a major financial decision, purchase a home or vehicle, or make a lifestyle change. For more information, call the family support center.

Free oil change

The Air Force Aid Society's “Car Care Because We Care” program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airmen's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

Remote/deployment brief

Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.

Chapel Schedule

Vacation Bible School

The chapel is currently holding registration for Columbus AFB's Vacation Bible School program, themed “Jerusalem Market Place.” The program is for ages 4 through 12 and will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 through June 10 at the base chapel. A bus will pick up children in base housing and at the youth center. Youth entering the seventh grade for the 2005-2006 school year can volunteer with approval. To register, volunteer or for more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Protestant announcements

There will be no religious education during May, but all classes will resume in June.

Throughout June, there will be a one-room school house. All children enrolled in Sunday school will meet in the religious education wing at the chapel.

The protestant community will offer 100 days of combined worship services from May 29 to Sept. 11. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:45 a.m. — CCD at Bldg. 1052\*  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:  
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the community center  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship service at the chapel  
For information about other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

**Natchez Trace Parkway:** The National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration and numerous federal, state and local officials will celebrate the completion of 67 years of construction if the Natchez Trace Parkway Saturday.

The 444-mile National Scenic Byway and All-American road travels from Natchez, Miss., through the northwest corner of Alabama, to Nashville, Tenn.

At 11:30 a.m., a caravan of 100 cars representing years the parkway was under construction (1938 to 2005) will begin traveling from Clinton, Miss., to Natchez.

A completion ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. and includes an unveiling of the oil painting the commissioned by the National Park Service to commemorate the completion of the parkway. Keynote speakers will be Mississippi Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott.

The public is invited to attend all events celebrating the parkway's completion. For more information, fact sheets or maps, call Kim Collins at (662) 321-1043; or

visit [www.scenictrace.com](http://www.scenictrace.com) or [www.nps.gov/natr](http://www.nps.gov/natr).

**Caledonia car show:** The Caledonia High School Parent/Teacher Organization sponsors a car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Caledonia High School parking lot. The event will feature door prizes, raffles, inflatables, concessions and more. For more information, call Devi Leonard at 328-9680.

**Noon Tunes:** Local musical artists will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Trotter Convention Center Courtyard. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 328-6305.

**Charity Poker Run on The River:** The Columbus Marina for the Fourth Annual Charity Poker Run is May 27 at the marina on Wilkis-Wise Road in Columbus. Pre-registration fee is \$50; same-day registration is \$60. Proceeds will benefit the YMCA Camp Henry Pratt. The Mardi Gras-themed event is limited

to 208 participants. People are encouraged to register early. For more information, call 327-8450.

**Garden Tours of Columbus:** The Columbus Council of Garden Clubs will present Garden Tours at five local homes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 3 through June 5. Lunch will be served in the Lee Home. Tickets are \$15 per person including lunch and are available through June 4 by calling 328-6305 or 328-3970.

**JuneTeenth celebration:** A JuneTeenth Festival celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation is June 17 and June 18 at Sim Scott Park located at 902 20th Street North in downtown Columbus. The event is free and open to the public. Food, music, softball games, and activities for both children and senior citizens will be featured. For more information call 328-2491 or 329-5871.

**For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).**

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).

Movies

Today

*"The Upside of Anger"*  
(R, language, sexual situations, brief comic violence and some drug use, 118 min.)  
Starring: Joan Allen and Kevin Costner.

Saturday

*"Fever Pitch"*  
(PG-13, crude and sexual humor, and some sensuality, 107 min.)  
Starring: Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [www.cafb.services.com](http://www.cafb.services.com).



# AF Academy sports recap

**SAN ANTONIO** — Fred Acee, head coach of the academy lacrosse team was selected for induction into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Before coming to the academy in 1998, he spent 30 years as head coach of the Farmingdale State University of New York team, building them into a national lacrosse powerhouse. Under his guidance, Farmingdale advanced to the NJCAA Final Four an amazing 25 times.

The NJCAA Men’s Lacrosse Coaches Association will induct Acee and Mike Candel, of Nassau Community College, into the Association’s Hall of Fame on May 13 as part of the NJCAA Men’s Lacrosse Invitational Championship banquet in Baltimore. Acee and Candel are the first two inductees in the newly formed NJCAA Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

In other lacrosse news, three Air Force players were named to the All-Great Western Lacrosse League team May 12. Justin Pavoni, Will Meister and Justin Kuchta were named first-team selections. Pavoni also was named goalkeeper of the year for the conference.

The Air Force track and field team swept the Mountain West Conference’s weekly awards. Paul Gensic and Olivia Korte were named the Mountain West Conference Track and Field Athletes of the Week, the conference office announced May 10. Gensic, a pole vaulter, claimed honor after clearing a meet-winning 17-11 at the Ris Westen-Air Force Twilight Invitational. That is the fourth-best vault in the nation this year and the second best in the region. Korte picked up her honor after breaking her own academy record in the discus throw to win the event at the team’s annual evening meet. With a distance of 170-6, Korte’s throw ranks fifth on the conference’s all-time list and 23rd nationally.

In other track and field news, the Falcons wrapped up competition at the 2005 Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championships Saturday with eight all-conference finishes. Travis Picou was named the Male Freshman of the Year, while Dierra Poland was honored by the conference as the winner of the Sportsmanship Award.

In baseball action, the academy team took two of three games from the University of Utah, improving their record to 8-40 on the season and 3-24 in conference play. In the first game, played May 13, the Falcons scored four runs in the top of the ninth to come from behind to defeat the Utes 6-4. On Saturday, Air Force batters out-hit the Utes 15-9 to take a 13-3 victory. In the final game of the series, played May 15, Utah batters scored 13 runs in the first three innings and then held off a late Falcon rally to win 14-8. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

## Pushing weight



Courtesy photo

**Congratulations to all BLAZE TEAM members who participated in Muscle Mania 2005 Saturday at the fitness center. The following individuals are eligible to attend Air Education and Training Command's Bench Press Competition at Little Rock AFB, Ark., June 4: Alicen Bedrosian, 14th Communications Squadron; Doug Trask, 14th Operations Support Squadron; John Son, 14th OSS; Chris Bean, 14th OSS; Tony Gandolf, 14th Contracting Squadron; Carmine Muscarella, 14th Services Division; and Justin Herbst, 14th OSS.**

## Shorts

### Season swimming passes

Independence Pool will open May 27. Season pool passes are on sale now at outdoor recreation. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

### Soccer balls for Iraq

The YMCA Board of Directors and Amory Kiwanis Club are currently collecting new or used soccer balls to send to Iraq. Some troops have discovered the children there enjoy soccer. Donations may be dropped off at the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

### No-tap bowling

A no-tap bowling tournament begins at 6 p.m. today at the bowling center. The entry fee is \$15 — \$5 for bowling and \$10 will contribute to the prize fund. For more information, call the bowling center at Ext. 2426.

### Three-club golf

This 18-stroke play tournament begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Players are allowed only three clubs of their choice. To sign up, call the golf pro shop at Ext. 7932.

### Diamond 1 Golf Tournament

The Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council sponsors this three-person scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course

June 2 with a shotgun start at noon. The tournament is limited to the first 18 teams to sign up. Entry fee is \$15 per person plus green fees and includes dinner. Carts will be an extra fee. To sign up or for more information, contact a first sergeant.

### Summer bowling league

The Stars and Strikes summer bowling league meets at 6 p.m. June 7 to determine cost, prize fund, time and length of league play. The league will run for six to eight weeks and meet Tuesday nights. For more information, call Gilbert Shrieves at Ext. 2236.

### Fitness 101

This fundamental fitness class is from 9 to 11 a.m. June 9 at the fitness center. Participants will learn about the machines available at the center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Poker fun run

This fun run begins at 7 a.m. June 17 in front of the fitness center. Participants will pick up a card at each station and the person with the best poker hand is declared the winner. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Lady BLAZE softball

Females interested in playing intramural softball for the Lady BLAZE team can call Shera Ferrell at 434-6991 or Stephanie Clark at 574-7287 for more information.